

REMARKS

Responsive to the Office communication mailed on February 6, 2007, Applicants note that the Examiner has indicated that newly added claims 101-105 are patentably distinct from newly added claims 106-110 under MPEP § 821.03. The Office communication further indicates that claims 101-105 are constructively elected by original prosecution on the merits because claims 106-110 contain features not present in the original prosecution.

As required under 37 CFR 1.142(b), Applicants elect claims 101-105 with traverse under this restriction requirement. Applicants agree with the Examiner that the inventions are patentably distinct but respectfully submit that it would not present an undue burden to examine all pending claims concurrently. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request examination of all pending claims.

Should the Examiner have any questions, Applicants representative and the undersigned attorney may be contacted by telephone at (919) 620-2915.

Respectfully submitted,

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